

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of former
2 Kentucky State Senator Joe Lane Travis.

3 WHEREAS, Joe Lane Travis was a son of this Commonwealth, having been born in
4 Temple Hill on July 6, 1931, to the late Yancey Terrell Travis and Maye Lane Travis; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Tompkinsville High School in 1949, Joe Lane
6 Travis enlisted in the Kentucky National Guard, serving with the 623rd Field Artillery
7 Unit in the Korean War. He went on to become the first Korean War veteran to serve as a
8 battalion commander in the Kentucky National Guard, and was also a member of the
9 Judge Advocate General's Corps. He retired after 30 years in the military with a rank of
10 Lieutenant Colonel; and

11 WHEREAS, after returning from Korea, Joe Lane Travis graduated from Western
12 Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky College of Law. He and his wife,
13 the former Mary Lou Copeland, moved to Glasgow, where he opened his first law
14 practice; and

15 WHEREAS, a pillar of his community, Joe Lane Travis served as president of the
16 Glasgow Jaycees and vice president of the state Jaycees. In 1969-1970 he served as
17 president of the Barren County Bar Association, and served for three terms as Glasgow
18 City Attorney. He was also appointed to the Public Service Commission by his former
19 law partner and Kentucky Governor, Louie Nunn; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1981, Joe Lane Travis was elected to serve in the Kentucky State
21 Senate representing the 9th District. He was named the Most Dependable Republican
22 Senator in his first session, and would go on to serve this august body as Republican
23 Floor Leader. He served in the Senate until 1987; and

24 WHEREAS, Joe Lane Travis was a lover of history, an avid pilot, and a cherished
25 family man. He enjoyed talking to his family about his experiences in Korea during the
26 war, and was a man of deep conviction who believed in the Baptist faith; and

27 WHEREAS, Joe Lane Travis, American patriot, esteemed Kentucky legislator, and

1 cherished husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life and entered
2 into the kingdom of Heaven on March 4, 2019, leaving his family, friends, and all those
3 whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Lane Travis was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou, and
5 brother, Bill T. Travis. He is survived by his son, Thomas Lee Travis and his wife, Lisa;
6 daughters, Mary Jo Corbin and her husband, Jeff, Diana Kay Compton and her husband,
7 Craig, Holly Lane and her husband, Mark, and Amy Elizabeth Carter and her husband,
8 Todd; grandchildren, Tom Travis and his wife, Aubrey, Lauren Snyder and her husband,
9 Jon, Diana Hogg, Tanner Carter, Landry Carter, Cody Lane, and Connor Lane; and a host
10 of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in
11 their lives;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
14 *Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
16 sympathy upon the passing of former Kentucky State Senator Joe Lane Travis, and
17 posthumously thank him for his service to the United States of America and to this
18 General Assembly.

19 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
20 memory of Joe Lane Travis.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Senator David P. Givens for delivery to the family.